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SUBJECT: ASIAN PACIFIC COUNCIL OF AMERICAN CHAMBERS (APCAC)--

JAKARTA CONFERENCE

REF: HONG KONG 8314 (NOTAL)

1. JAKARTA'S FLEDGLING AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE (AMCHAM INDONESIA) SOUGHT AND WAS AWARDED OPPORTUNITY HOST APCAC'S ELECTION MEETING SCHEDULED FOR 15-18 OCTOBER 1976 (REFTEL). ORGANIZATIONAL ACTIVITIES ARE WELL ADVANCED AND COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS ESTABLISHED. HOWEVER, AGENDA ITEMS NOT RPT NOT YET AGREED.

2. AMCHAM INDONESIA HAS HAD CLOSE AND WARM RELATIONS WITH EMBASSY, AMBASSADOR IS HONORARY PRESIDENT. E/CM COUNSELOR AND LABOR ATTACHE BOTH EX OFFICIO MEMBERS AMCHAM BOARD AND REGULARLY PARTICIPATE IN BOARD'S DELIBERATIONS. FURTHERMORE, AMCHAM PROVIDES FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR EMBASSY'S COMMERCIAL NEWSLETTER, "JAKARTA BUSINESS BULLETIN."

3. AMCHAM INDONESIAN AS HOST IS WORKING WITH ITS COUNTER-PARTS IN ADDRESSEE POSTS AND APPRECIATIVE CONGEN HONG KONG'S OUTLINE OF VIEWS REGARDING POSITION PAPERS. IT IS EMBASSY JAKARTA'S AND AMCHAM INDONESIA'S VIEW THAT TOPIC "AMERICAN BUSINESS RELATIONSHIP WITH ASEAN," DESPITE INTRIGUED INTEREST OF SOME APCAC CHAMBERS, IMPLIES STAGE OF ORGANIZATION FOR ASEAN WHICH IS NOT APPROPRIATE. ASEAN SECRETARIAT IS LOCATED IN JAKARTA AND PRESENTLY CONSTITUTES A SECRETARY GENERAL AND TWO OFFICE SECRETARIES. IT IS CONSIDERED JUDGEMENT OF BOTH AMCHAM INDONESIA AND EMBASSY THAT IT IS PREMATURE FOR APCAC AND ITS MEMBERS TO BEGIN "PROBING FOR A WAY TO ESTABLISH AN APCAC RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ASSOCIATION." FURTHERMORE, MOST UNCLASSIFIED OR DECLASSIFIED MATERIAL ON ECONOMIC FUTURE OF ASEAN WOULD ONLY CONFUSE APCAC MEMBERS SINCE GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES IN ASEAN NATIONS THEMSELVES HAVE CLEARLY NOT RESOLVED MOST ECONOMIC QUESTIONS. THE PROPOSED TOPIC AND PAPER WOULD RESULT IN ADVICE TO APCAC MEMBERS THAT U.S. COMPANIES INTERESTED IN INVESTMENT AND TRADE OPPORTUNITIES WITHIN ASEAN SHOULD MAINTAIN CONTACT WITH APPROPRIATE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS IN EACH OF ASEAN MEMBER GOVERNMENTS.

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3. REMAINING TOPICS SEEM APPROPRIATE.

4. E/CM COUNSELOR HAS ALERTED GEBER OF EA/EP ABOUT FORTH-COMING APCAC MEETING AND URGED APPROPRIATE STEPS BE TAKEN TO EARLY ARRANGE FOR HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTATION FROM DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, TREASURY, AND COMMERCE AS WELL AS EXIMBANK. BELIEVE SUPPORT FOR SUCH HIGH-LEVEL REPRESENTA-

TION FROM POSTS IN REGION WOULD BE USEFUL. FURTHERMORE,  
LABATT HAS WRITTEN JOEL SEGAL, DEPUTY UNDER SECRETARY,  
DEPT OF LABOR, REGARDING POSSIBLE PARTICIPATION IN VIEW  
OF DEPT OF LABOR'S INTEREST IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE AND  
ACTIVITIES OF U.S. FIRMS ABROAD.  
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